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1. ON NOVEMBER 8 AMB ADDRESSED A LETTER TO SECRETARY-GENERAL GAJA OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY ON THE SUBJECT OF ACTS OF VIOLENCE AND VANDALISM COMMITTED AGAINST AMERICAN CIVILIAN INSTALLATIONS IN ITALY DURING THE PAST MONTHS. OPERATIVE PORTIONS READ:

2. QUOTE IN MY VIEW, THESE (INCIDENTS) CANNOT BE CONSIDERED AS RANDOM ATTACKS. RATHER THEY APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN CONCERTED, AND THERE IS NO REASON TO ASSUME THAT THE PATTERN OF VIOLENCE HAS ENDED. I HAVE THEREFORE INSTRUCTED THE AMERICAN CONSULATES GENERAL THROUGHOUT ITALY TO REQUEST OF THE REGIONAL PREFECTS SECURITY PROTECTION SUFFICIENT TO ASSURE THAT IN THE FUTURE ANY SUCH ATTEMPTS ON AMERICAN GOVERNMENT CIVILIAN INSTALLATIONS IN THEIR CONSULAR JURISDICTIONS WILL BE PREVENTED.

3. SINILARLY, I WOULD LIKE TO EMPHASIZE MY EARLIER REQUEST TO YOU THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF ITALY PROMPTLY GIVE SUCH INSTRUCTIONS AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO ASSURE SECURITY PROTECTION ADEQUATE TO GUARANTEE THE SAFETY OF AMERICAN INSTALLATIONS IN ITALY UNQUOTE.

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4. TO THE EXTENT THAT ACTION ADDRESSEES DO NOT YET HAVE WHAT THEY CONSIDER ADEQUATE COVERAGE (REGIONAL SECURITY OFFICER'S TELEPHONE CONTACT OF NOVEMBER 8) THEY SHOULD ACT PROMPTLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARA. 2 ABOVE. HOWEVER, IN DISCUSSIONS WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES, BEAR IN MIND THAT WE WISH TO AVOID ANY PUBLICITY IN THIS EFFORT. VOLPE

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